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SUBJECT: ND EDITORIAL REITERATES SED PLENUM THEMES.

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1. IN A DECEMBER 13 EDITORIAL, SED PARTY ORGAN NEUES DEUTSCH-
LAND (ND) REITERATED THE PRINCIPAL THEMES OF THE 4TH SED
CENTRAL COMMITTEE PLENUM OF DECEMBER 8-9. AS IN THE PLENUM'S
POLITBURO REPORT (REFTEL, THE EDITORIAL FOCUSES ON THE GDR'S
RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, AND ON THE NEED FOR INCREASED
POLITICAL-IDEOLOGICAL ACTIVITY BY THE SED AT ALL LEVELS OF
GDR SOCIETY. WHILE STATING THAT THE GDR ECONOMY IS IN GOOD
SHAPE TO MEET THE PLAN GOALS FOR 1976, THE EDITORIAL BLAMES
"THE ENEMY" FOR ATTEMPTING TO UNDERMINE THE GDR'S SUCCESSES
BY IMPOSING ITS OWN CRISIS ON THE GDR. IN ORDER TO GIVE
THE ENEMY "ONE DEFEAT AFTER ANOTHER", THE EDITORIAL
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CONTINUES , THE PARTY MUST DRAW STILL CLOSER TO THE

MASSSES AND INCREASE ITS POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL STRUGGLE.

2. STICKING TO THE "ENEMY" THEME, THE ND EDITORIAL ECHOES THE POLITBURO REPORT IN CLAIMING THAT REVANCHIST AND "NEONAZI" FORCES HAVE GROWN STRONGER IN FRG AND

THAT THEIR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING MIXING IN GDR INTERNAL AFFAIRS, CONTRADICT HELSINKI AND EXISTING GDR-FRG TREATIES. AFTER CONCLUDING THAT THE PRECONDITIONS FOR COOPERATION ARE THEREBY UNDERMINED, THE EDITORIAL REPEATS THE GDR'S INTENTION TO DEVELOP RELATIONS WITH THE FRG, BUT NOTES THAT THIS WILL SUCCEED ONLY TO THE EXTENT THAT THE FRG GOVERNMENT ACCEPTS THE EXISTENCE OF TWO INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN GERMAN STATES. THE EDITORIAL STATES THAT THE GDR WILL REACT POSITIVELY TO ALL REALISTIC STEPS BY THE NEW BONN GOVERNMENT.

3. COMMENT: THE EDITORIAL CONTINUES THE STRONG LINE CURRENTLY IN VOGUE WITH THE SED PARTY HIERARCHY TOWARDS RELATIONS WITH THE FRG - A FIRM STANCE SUPPORTING GDR SOVEREIGNTY BUT WITH THE DOOR SOMEWHAT OPEN FOR BILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS. THE EMPHASIS UPON PARTY ACTIVISM IN SUPPORT OF PLAN FULFILLMENT IS BY NOW A STANDARD THEME STEMMING FROM THE NINTH PARTY CONGRESS IN MAY BUT PROBABLY WORTH REPEATING NOW AS THE 1976-80 PLAN AND BUDGET FOR 1977 ARE ABOUT TO BE GIVEN FORMAL APPROVAL BY THE VOLKSKAMMER PLENARY SESSION ON DECEMBER 15.
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